

The Word Better than Angels – Hebrews 1:4-14

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If Jesus is the ‘final word from God’ (Heb. 1:1-3) then He is revelation superior to all others. The writer takes up this very theme in 1:4, beginning with Jesus’ superiority to angels. Citing no less than seven OT texts, he draws three main contrasts between Jesus and the angels:

1. The Exalted Son vs. Worshipping Angels (1:5-6)
2. The Eternal Son vs. Created Angels (1:7-12)
3. The Enthroned Son vs. Ministering Angels (1:13-14)

Status – *whom He has appointed heir of all things*

Work – *He made the worlds*

Essence – *being the brightness of His glory*

Essence – *the express image of His person*

Work – *upholding all things . . . purged our sins*

Status – *sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high*